

THE WEATHER.
Showers and cooler tonight.
Sunday fair and cooler.

ESTABLISHED 1861.

CLARKSBURG, W. VA., SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1908.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

KILLING TRUE AS TO CHICAGO STATE FARM FIEND HANGS AS TO CHICAGO FOR THE CITY BY THE NECK

Chicago Records Show Johnson Did Kill a Woman in That City.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 18.—No evidence can be found here that Frank Johnson ever murdered a woman here, as stated in his confession. No one was murdered or found dead here so far as can be learned on or about November 16, 1906. His story of wholesale murder is not accounted for by local authorities. A colored family lives at 132 South Seventh street, but they know nothing of the alleged crime. About four years ago a colored woman was killed at that address, but supposedly by her husband, who escaped and has never been found.

Killed His Wife.
CHICAGO, Ill., July 18.—The Chicago police records show that in August, 1904, Edith Hanna was shot by her husband, who was known as Edward Walton at No. 810 Peoria street, and that she died two days later. The shooting followed a quarrel resulting from some demand made upon the woman by Walton, the nature of which was not known. Walton fled and was not arrested.

No Record at Atlanta.
ATLANTA, Ga., July 18.—Nothing is known here of the negro, Edward Walton alias Frank Johnson. Neither federal nor state prison records show that he is wanted in Georgia.

Nothing of Deeds.
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 18.—Inquiry at the sheriff's office concerning the negro, Edward Walton, alias Frank Johnson, who confessed to killing a man at Blossburg, Ala., near here, elicited no definite information of any such crime. There is no record of Walton being wanted here.

RIDDER'S APPEAL

To the President About News Print Paper Subject of a Conference.

OYSTER BAY, L. I., July 18.—President Roosevelt conferred today with Attorney General Bonaparte, Assistant Secretary of State Bacon and other government officials. It is thought the appeal which Herman Ridder made to the President, to restrain news print paper manufacturers from combining and maintaining high prices was the subject of the conference.

REBELS OVERCOME

By Government Forces and Village Is Being Plundered and Pillaged.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 18.—A dispatch from Tabriz, Persia, declares that revolutionists there have been overcome by government troops and that horsemen of Racheh Khan are now pillaging the town with violence and murder.

UNION SERVICES

Will be Held Two Months by the Baptists and Christians.

For the purpose of pastoral vacations there will be union services with the Baptists and Christians the next two months Sunday evenings. The meetings will all be held in the Baptist church and the first two weeks the Rev. B. D. Stelle will preach, the Rev. W. M. Long, of the Central Christian following the next four weeks. The first of these union services will be held in the Baptist church tomorrow night.

REVOLUTION ENDS

Telegraphs the President of Honduras After the Rebels Flee.

NEW YORK, July 18.—President Davila, of Honduras, today telegraphed the Associated Press that a decisive battle had been fought at Nacome. The revolutionists were defeated and fled into Salvador. Davila declares the revolution is at an end.

KERN AT OLD HOME.

KOKOMO, Ind., July 18.—Vice-Presidential Candidate Kern arrived here today to visit his old home and was given a rousing reception. He made a short address.

VIVID ACCOUNT OF THE EXECUTION

Is Given by Frank Shuttleworth, Who Was One of the Spectators.

Upon request of the Telegram editors Frank Shuttleworth, who attended the hanging of Frank Johnson in the state penitentiary, obliged this paper with the following observations and impressions of that occasion:

"Yesterday afternoon a quiet and orderly crowd of about seventy persons, all men, were standing on the lawn at the front entrance of the state prison at Moundsville. A few minutes after 5 o'clock some one in a low tone said to go to the rear. We all passed around the wall and were met at a gate by a guard who took our cards and admitted us to an enclosure similar to the street car barn, which had yet another gate, which was not opened until all had entered and the other gate closed. We were given a printed slip which we had time to read in the three minutes we remained in this place.

"This slip was a notice asking for strictest silence and decorum, as well as directing us to leave in the course and manner we had entered after we should receive the order of the warden to retire.

"The other gate was then thrown open and we passed through a line of guards across to the small hall in which the execution took place.

"As we were passing through the court we heard a hymn sung by all male voices, which concluded just as we reached the hall.

"As we entered we looked up at the gallows and saw the prisoner attended by the guards stepping toward the center of the platform, the warden and chaplain waiting until we had settled in our positions. Observing the prisoner closely we noticed his neat white suit, his face closely shaved and his whole appearance was clean and tidy. He never uttered a word through the entire ordeal but obeyed the order to place his feet on the proper spot.

"There was only the slightest look of worry on his face, which seemed more of inquiring of what was expected of him in the way of submission, his glance with perfect resignation went out straight at the faces before him. He followed the straps buckled about him and the noose to be slipped around his neck without a move further than once to make a general survey as if to read in the faces of the officers that arrangements were complete. The black hood was placed over his head covering his face and the knot on the rope.

"Now is the intense moment, the warden with one hand holding slack a few feet of the rope and the other stretched toward the electric button that operates the trap device. The chaplain already in prayer, which

with the word amen the prisoner's body drops like a plummet and you hear that sound anyone would know though they had never heard before. We look again, the warden and guards for a while standing fixed and rigid, the chaplain has whirled with back toward the trap, his face bowed, pale, tearful, solicitous. We move out and being one of the last, we glance back and see beneath the stage a physician with his ear on the side of the suspended body, another with hand on pulse.

"At just 5:20 we are outside. This is what transpired in just ten minutes and we were reviewing in our minds the why and whereof of it all. We looked at the building, that great pile of stone; we saw the bars and the swinging windows; we looked at the well kept lawn of flowers, shrubs and aquariums of gold fish; we thought of the thousands of whips, and skirts and brooms made there daily; we thought of the great locks and doors of this institution and the ingenious contrivance of death we had just seen operating; we thought of the painting by the skilled prisoner, and the artists among the forgers and counterfeiters, but when we thought of the life that had just been choked out, we said, Old prison, within your walls you have not altogether enough ingenuity to follow for a second the cunningest pattern of excellence nature or the former light restore long enough for one poor tap of the pulse."

BOND ELECTION

Is Proclaimed by Mayor to Be Held at Salem Monday, Aug. 3.

Mayor Tillman F. Kemper, of Salem, has issued a proclamation calling for a special election of the qualified voters of Salem to be held Monday, August 3, for the purpose of ratifying or rejecting a bond issue proposed by the city council, to pay an outstanding indebtedness of \$10,216.77 and for paving Main street an equal distance east and west from Jacob's run bridge at the bank corner, at a cost of \$21,283.23, including necessary approaches at intersecting streets. If issued the bonds will run 34 years and bear six per cent. interest.

PASHA ASSASSINATED.

SALONIKI, European Turkey, July 18.—General Osman Pasha, commander of the Turkish forces at Monastir, was assassinated today by an officer connected with the young Turkey movement.

DOYLE TELLS OF THE EXECUTION

Thrilling Description of Johnson's Hanging by Former Street Superintendent.

Edward J. Doyle was one of the Clarksburg party that witnessed the hanging of the negro murderer Frank Johnson at the state penitentiary at Moundsville Friday afternoon. He gives the following interesting account of the execution:

"After I went in there I took a close observation of the surroundings and the place looked too remote for me to stay. And I went all around and saw all the prisoners and saw Tommy Hannon. He was fat and had gained fifteen pounds. Dopey Tom Wells says to me: 'For God's sake Mr. Doyle, you and the white folks git me out o' here.' I told him to stay there and get the dope outen him.

"Then we got ready for the necktie party. We were called in to see the hanging at 5:15. At that time the warden pushed the button and the negro came down with great combustion and then I had to vacate just as I anticipated. There was seventy odd of us there."

Asked as to the appearance of the death chamber, Mr. Doyle said: "I didn't take such close observation of the death chamber as I did of the prisoner. There was whitewash all over the sides and top. There was a little platform at one side, of course I would not cite the hieroglyphics just as to how high it was, but I think it was about 12 feet. They brought Johnson through the annex of part of it. Two guards had him on each side. He didn't look as remote as he might have looked. He didn't look very pale, he looked very solemn. He seemed to be a lookin' constantly all the time at our deputy sheriff Jack Knox."

"And the preacher was a prayin' constantly all the time from the

time he got on the platform till Johnson started down with great combustion.

"Then they led him up to the trap door. Johnson walked out and got on the door. He stepped off to one side and they told him to step back in the center, which he did. They strapped his hands behind him and strapped his feet at the ankles and put a strap around his stomach and the black hood over his head.

"The rope was hung above on a beam and they put the noose around his neck. He never said nothin' before or afterward. And the warden pushed a electric button, the trap was sprung and Johnson plunged downward. There wasn't a quiver on him, only the rope quivered a little, that was all. All seemed to take it quiet and solemn and they all had a melancholy look on them."

"There was several doctors there. They looked at him and examined him and pronounced him killed dead six minutes after the trap was sprung. That's all. Then I hit a heavy very laborious step to get to the depot station to catch a car for Clarksburg.

"I felt as though the gentleman had got his just dues, and I think every body else thought the same way. I had no emotional sensation at all out of it. I offered up a prayer for him and asked the Lord to forgive him for his bad deeds. This was a little private prayer by myself, you know, while I was watching him.

"We were all treated better. He not have been treated better. He truck us all through the place and showed us around. I couldn't have been treated better if I was going to a dance, let alone a hanging. It is a very nice place but of course I wouldn't feel inclined to spend my days there.

"They was no shrieking, no yelling, or no nothin' when Johnson went down. He just went down and that was all.

"I don't believe I care about seein' any more hangings."

West Virginia Humane Society to Ask for a Small Farm Here.

W. H. Brown, of Morgantown, secretary of and field agent for the West Virginia Humane Society, was here Saturday on an important mission. For some time the quarters of the society have been greatly crowded and it is the policy to establish branch homes for children in the custody of the society. But recently one was established at Elkins.

Mr. Brown states that it is the intention of the society to establish a central home here and his visit to the city was for the purpose of viewing sites and enlisting the services of the board of trade.

The plan is to acquire a small farm and build cottages as the demand requires from year to year. Mr. Brown finds a very suitable place near the new fair grounds.

The board of trade in conjunction with the society will ask the next legislature to make the necessary appropriation. The matter has been laid before Governor Dawson and received his hearty sanction.

MINISTERIAL

Institute of the Buckhannon District is to Be Held at Volga.

The ministerial institute of the United Brethren church, of Buckhannon district, will convene at Volga, Monday at 8 p. m.

Evangelistic service, by Rev. G. W. Burdette.
Rev. J. T. Foster, director of institute.
Director of song service, Rev. D. W. Cunningham.

Tuesday Morning Session.
9:00—Devotion by Rev. John T. Foster.
9:30—Scripture Exposition—Romans—Rev. L. Stead.
10:00—Home Missions; Paper by Rev. F. Slaughter.
11:00—Sermon by Rev. B. H. Cross.

Tuesday Afternoon.
1:30—Devotion by Rev. J. O. Potts.
2:00—Theology (Weaver) by Rev. D. W. Cunningham.
2:30—Telescopes—How get Subscriptions? Paper by Rev. P. S. Strader. Discussion by Institute. How Paper Helps Membership.

3:30—Conference assessments, by Rev. L. Gainer. Discussion as to Methods, by Institute.
4:00—Discipline by Rev. Foster.
Wednesday Morning.
Evangelistic service at 8 a. m., conducted by Rev. G. W. Burdette.
9:00—Devotion by C. A. Engle.
9:30—Theology, by Rev. D. W. Cunningham.

10:00—Sunday School, Home Department. Paper by Rev. R. M. Isner.
10:30—S. S. Men's Movement. Paper by Rev. C. I. Edgett.
11:00—Sermon, by Rev. Ganier.

Afternoon Session.
1:30—Devotion by Rev. Porter Bennett.
2:00—Scripture Exposition—Romans, by Rev. L. Stead.
2:30—Foreign Missions, by Rev. L. Westfall.
3:00—Discipline, by Rev. Foster. Evangelistic services at 8, conducted by Rev. Burdette.

Thursday Morning.
9:00 Devotion by Rev. L. Booth.
9:30—Theology, by Rev. D. W. Cunningham.
10:00—Sunday School Association Work. Discussion led by Rev. J. O. Potts.
11:00—Sermon by Rev. A. C. Halterman.

Thursday Afternoon.
1:30—Devotion by Rev. P. S. Strader.
2:00—Scripture Exposition—Romans, Rev. L. Stead.
2:30—How Promote Revivals? Rev. George Burdette.
3:00—How use Victory Gained in Revivals? Rev. L. Booth.
3:30—Discipline, Rev. J. T. Foster.

FEARFUL STORM IN WETZEL COUNTY

Barns Are Burned by Lightning and Floods Do Great Damage.

Probably the worst storm in the history of the county passed over Wetzel county this week, accompanied by a grand electrical display, which did damage to the extent of \$15,000. Texas ran, a small stream that

CITY ESTIMATES ARE DETERMINED

empties into the Ohio river opposite this city, was the highest ever known. Fishing crews was also on a rampage and sent down a large amount of drift wood.

Sardis, three miles below New Martinsville, seems to have experienced the worst effects from the storm, as it was the heaviest in that section. Several barns back of that place were struck by lightning and burned to the ground. The large barn of John K. Rush, containing last year's hay and wheat crops, was struck and consumed. His loss will be several thousand dollars. John Ensminger's barn was also struck, burning the building and contents.

The house of Harry Radcliffe, at Sardis, was struck by lightning. There was a number of other houses struck but very little damage was done.

Rudy Stadler was coming down Patterson's in a heavy covered spring wagon when he was overtaken by the storm. He unhitched his team and sought shelter. The wagon was washed away and carried nearly to the Ohio river, and was totally wrecked. Jack Melott's barn on Patton run, which has been standing for years, containing this year's hay crop, was washed into the river, causing a loss of several hundred dollars.

The sky was illuminated in all directions by the fires caused by the burning barns. A number of tanks of oil were also struck by lightning at points down the river.

BREAKS RECORD

Of the World in Discus Throw, Greek Style, at the Olympic Games.

LONDON, Eng., July 18.—The three final events which opened the Olympic games here today were won by the United Kingdom. The American athletes received cablegrams from all parts of the United States expressing sympathy with them over the unfair treatment accorded them. In the final discus throw, Greek style, Sheridan, an American, was first with a throw of 128 feet and 8 inches. This beats the world's record.

CLARKSBURGERS ABROAD.

Amos Payne has just received a souvenir post card from George Chorpener who at the time of mailing the card was in Rome, Italy, with Claude Gore, both of whom are making an European tour. Both were in fine health and having a splendid time. From there they were going to Naples.

ALIMONY STOPPED BY REMARRIAGE

Divorced Wife of Madden, the Turfman, Has Her Stipend Cut Off.

CINCINNATI, O., July 18.—The circuit court today decided that the marriage of the divorced wife of John E. Madden, a prominent turfman, to Louis V. Bell, a New York millionaire, stopped the payment of alimony to her by Madden. An allowance of \$150 a month had been made by the common pleas court. Judge Pfledger overruled this.

MINERS SCARCE

At the Operation of the Central Fairmont Coal Company Here.

General Manager D. Howard of the Central Fairmont Coal Company states that his company is experiencing a shortage of men. The operation until recently was running day and night, when it became necessary to take off the night shift, owing to the inability to get sufficient men to run the plant. The company has orders enough to keep the operation in full, if men could be procured.

STRIKERS ARE QUIET.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 18.—Reports from the districts where union miners are conducting a strike are that everything is quiet.

Mrs. W. B. Dimon and children left on Saturday for the East to spend the summer.

City Council Also Does a Lot of Routine Business at Session.

City council Friday night received and accepted the annual estimates made up by the various departments of the city. The session was not a routine one but rather busy as much routine business was transacted, the same being of more or less importance.

All members answered the roll call save Johnson and Anderson and unread minutes were read and approved.

Additional repairing at the fire department headquarters to cost \$32 was ordered at the suggestion of Chairman Lyden of the fire committee, as well as by the mayor.

The question of opening up Holden avenue from one end to the other, upon petition of citizens was referred to the city attorney for an opinion, which he is directed to render at the next regular meeting.

Bills Still Held Up.
Bills given to Chairman Johnson of the finance committee were in his hands and could not be acted upon, though there is much complaint about the matter, and at the request of Mayor Wood what bills were before the council were approved by Mr. Garrett, a member of the committee. Those ordered paid are as follows:

Water works pay roll.....\$135.80
Street pay roll.....268.05
Telegram Company.....93.60
News Company.....99.50
The finance committee was directed to report on a bill of \$12.56 for meat and other food furnished by M. L. Freeland to persons under quarantine several months ago.

The street committee and city engineer were told to report at the next meeting on a bill rendered by C. A. Horner for excavation and sidewalk on East Main street.

Laid on the Table.
was the bill of G. W. Southern & Sons for \$7 damages claimed to wagon, berries and crates by a collision with the fire department wagon.

The city agreed to remove some dirt in front of the retaining wall to be erected at A. R. Sarter's property.

Street Superintendent Ward was ordered to open the sewer on West Pike street between Third and Fourth streets, the same being stopped up. He was also directed to repair the sidewalk at the Metropolitan hotel.

To Rebuild Sidewalks.
Upon petition of Mrs. Agnes Stuart, Mrs. L. G. Race and Mrs. Agnes Smith, presented by Attorney E. G. Smith, the council directed that the sidewalks at their properties on West Main, Ferry and Summer streets be repaired and rebuilt so as to prevent

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LAW IS INVALID

Initiative and Referendum is Declared Unconstitutional in Ohio.

CLEVELAND, O., July 18.—The state initiative and referendum law was held today to be constitutional by Judge Chapman of the common pleas court. As a test case it will be carried to the state supreme court. Suit was brought after an effort was made to have a vote taken upon a franchise granted by the city council to the Municipal Traction Co. An election was ordered by the city council.

ONE DOLLAR FROM "CASH."

The Daily Telegram acknowledges the receipt of \$1 from a baseball fan for the fund being raised by fans for the new uniforms purchased for the Clarksburg baseball team as a mark of appreciation of the team's work. About \$80 is needed to liquidate the bill. The contributor mentioned asked that his donation be credited to "Cash." The Daily Telegram gave \$5 to the fund.

WILL PREACH HERE.

The Rev. W. H. Meyers, rector of St. Matthias' Episcopal church at Grifton, will lead the services and preach a sermon at Christ Episcopal church Sunday in the absence of the Rev. James F. Plummer, who is in Baltimore to see his wife.

Miss Ruth Morgan and Mrs. F. A. Oida, of this city, are week-end guests of Mrs. A. W. Reed, of Fairmont.

Frank Johnson Pays the Penalty on the Gallows at State Prison.

Frank Johnson, the self-confessed murderer of Benish Martin and four other persons, was hanged at the state penitentiary at Moundsville late Friday afternoon. The drop occurred at 5:13 o'clock and life was extinct nine minutes later. His neck was broken at the first and second cervical vertebrae. According to medical science, Johnson's death was painless, he lapsing into unconsciousness the moment the rope stretched.

Seldom has a condemned man gone to his death as fearfully as did Johnson. Although a large man, of powerful physique and in the very prime of life, he wobbled very perceptibly as he mounted the steps to the scaffold and his almost limp body awayed from side to side while the straps were being adjusted. As he stood upon the trap door. Had it not been for the strong arms of Captain Joseph Bloyd and Warden Dawson supporting him, it is doubtful if Johnson would have kept his feet. Withal, he was cool, and appeared to be making a tremendous effort to die game.

The March from the Cell

to the scaffold started at 5:10 o'clock. Before mounting the first step leading to the scaffold, Johnson stopped, knelt upon his knees, and offered up a short prayer. He walked up the steps between Warden Dawson and Captain Bloyd, both of whom had a hand on his arm, which helped to support him. His face, while free of contortions, showed plainly the mental anguish he was undergoing. He was weak in the knees and his body awayed and his head wobbled as though his neck was limp. No time was lost in getting him in a proper position on the trap door, and while his faithful religious adviser, Rev. Sanford, offered consolation to his miserable soul by earnest prayer, Guards Bloyd and Knight buckled the straps about his chest, arms, knees and ankles, and Warden Dawson slipped the noose over the wretched negro's head, and as he did so the poor brute looked at him appealingly like a dog when his master is punishing him. The rope being adjusted, Warden Dawson deftly slipped the black cap over the negro's head and nodded to Rev. Sanford, who was still praying directly in front of the condemned man.

The Drop.

As Rev. Sanford spoke the word "Amen" at the conclusion of his prayer, Warden Dawson reached to the wall and pressed a button. Instantaneously the two trap doors on which the negro was standing flew back with a crash and his body shot through the opening and hung motionless except for a slight swaying movement natural to a suspended body when disturbed. Instantly Dr. Boone, the prison physician stepped forward, grasped the swaying body and applied the stethoscope to the victim's heart. Several other physicians, about thirty of whom were congregated about the suspended body, took turns at feeling the pulse and applying their ears to the heart. Twenty-five beats of the heart were counted from the time the stethoscope was applied. The body was allowed to hang for several minutes after life was extinct. It was then lowered, the noose removed, after which it was placed on a cooling board and carried by two negro convicts to the hospital to be prepared for burial.

BIG CUBAN WORKS

Are to Be Figured on by Mr. Henneghan, of This City at Elkins.

R. W. Henneghan, representative of the Sutter Roofing and Corning Company, will leave this evening on No. 12 for Elkins to figure on a big blow pipe works for the government in Cuba. W. Brozier came here last night from the Elkins Blower works to procure Mr. Henneghan's services. The Cuban plant will be mammoth.

RECEIVER APPOINTED.

DETROIT, Mich., July 18.—A receiver was appointed today for the brokerage firm of Cameron, Currie & Company. The bill for a receiver was filed by Cameron Currie who asked for a dissolution of partnership, charging that the firm owed \$1,045,000.00.

PASSENGERS INJURED.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 18.—Eight persons were severely injured today when a Jackson Park branch elevated train crashed against the bumpers at a terminus of the road.